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Group Art Unit: **2153**

Application Number: **09/889,559**

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Attorney Docket Number: **010885**
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REQUEST FOR RETURN OF PTO/SB/08

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 5, 2006

Sir:

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on November 12, 2004. A copy of the IDS is attached hereto.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08 that accompanies the IDS, marked to indicate that the references listed therein have been considered by the Office. More specifically, it is submitted that while the Examiner properly considered the references cited on page one of the IDS, the Examiner failed to consider the references cited on page two of the IDS.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions concerning this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER C.F.R. §1.97(c)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 12, 2004

Dear Sir:

The attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the issuance of a first official action on the merits and expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry in the national stage for the above-captioned application, but prior to the issuance of either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. A check is attached hereto which covers the \$ 180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application,

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and that the references cited in the attached Form PTO/SB/08 is made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

A communication from the Japanese Patent Office, along with English language translation of the complete communication and Abstracts of the references cited therein are enclosed to provide the requisite statement of relevance for the attached foreign references.

The Commission is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

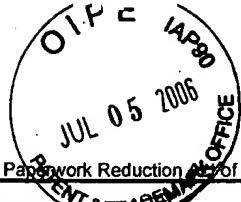
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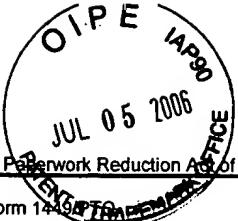
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